

### **REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Kimura 6,105,127. The examiner objected to claims 3 and 8 as having allowable scope but dependent upon a rejected base claim.

### **The New Claims**

New claim 12 has the scope of former claim 3, but has been rewritten in independent form. New claim 13 has the scope of former claim 4 and is dependent upon new claim 12, it should be allowable if claim 12 is allowable. New claim 14 has scope of former claim 8, but has been rewritten in independent form. New claims 15 and 16 are dependent upon claim 14, each incorporating additional details of the described embodiments.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests the examiner reconsider the application as amended.

There are now 5 claims and 2 independent claims. 20 total claims and 3 independent claims were paid for at the initial filing. Accordingly, it is believed that no further fees are due in connection with this amendment. If any additional fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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